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~~FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA~~

IT ~~WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED~~ HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), BRIGADIER GENERAL CESAREO A. CARDOZO, AN ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY OFFICER, HAD BEEN KILLED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 18, 1976, BY A TERRORIST BOMB, WHICH DETONATED IN HIS APARTMENT IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES.

ON JUNE 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)

THE PERPETRATOR OF THE BOMBING WHICH KILLED GENERAL CARDOZO AND INJURED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE AAIS AS LILIANA CASAL, A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). CASAL HAD BEEN DETAINED APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AGO BY THE FPA, BASED ON INFORMATION SECURED DURING INTERROGATIONS WITH OTHER CAPTURED ERP MEMBERS INDICATING THAT SHE WAS CONNECTED WITH THE GROUP. CASAL WAS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF GENERAL CARDOZO'S (S)

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DAUGHTER, WHO ASSURED GENERAL CARDOZO THAT CASAL WAS NOT A TERRORIST. GENERAL CARDOZO ORDERED CASAL BE RELEASED FROM FPA CUSTODY ON HIS AUTHORITY AS CHIEF OF THE FPA. CASAL VISITED THE CARDOZO APARTMENT DURING EARLY EVENING OF JUNE 17, 1976, TO THANK THE CARDOZO FAMILY IN ARRANGING FOR HER RELEASE FROM FPA CUSTODY. WHILE AT THE CARDOZO APARTMENT CASAL TOLD CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER THAT SHE WANTED TO MAKE A VERY PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALL AND CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER ALLOWED HER PRIVATE ACCESS TO GENERAL CARDOZO'S BEDROOM. CASAL TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE A POWERFULL BOMB MADE UP OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE. (S)

CASAL IS CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE AAIS AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE FPA FOR LEGAL PROCESSING. (S)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - REMYCAB JUNE 18, 1976, WHICH REPORTED ON GENERAL CARDOZO'S DEATH. SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS. (S)

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS EXCLUSIVE AND HAS BEEN COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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